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In re Application of )

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Ball Including the Same  
as Rubber Base Material**)

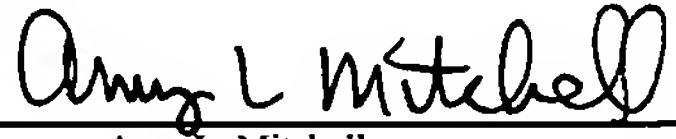
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